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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN APRIL 22 EDITORIAL FROM THE
RISING NEPAL ON THE OCCASSION OF AMBASSADOR MAYTAG'S RESIGNATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

STATEMENTS MADE BY BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER KRISHNA RAJ ARYAL AND
THE OUTGOING US AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL AT A RECEPTION HOSTED IN
HONOR OF THE LATTER THE OTHER DAY AMPLY REFLECT THE CLOSE AND
FRIENDLY TIES THAT PERSIST BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND
THE REALIZATION THAT THERE IS FURTHER ROOM FOR COOPERATION OF
THE KIND. WHILE AMBASSADOR MAYTAG'S OBSERVATION THAT THE SPIRIT
OF COOPERATION WHICH MARKS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD CON-
TINUE POSITIVELY IN THE FUTURE IS WHOLLY ENCOURAGING, IT IS,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALSO A READY MANIFESTATION OF WHAT MR. ARYAL
HAS SIGHTED AS US UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF NEPALESE
ASPIRATIONS AND HER NONALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY. MR ARYAL'S
SATISFACTION OVER THIS CORDIALITY IN NEPAL-US TIES IS THUS
EASILY UNDERSTOOD. SO TOO, HIS CONFIDENCE THAT UNITED STATES
PARTICIPATION IN NEPAL'S EFFORTS AT PROGRESS WOULD CONTINUE,
WHICH, WHEN COUPLED WITH MRS. MAYTAG'S ASSURANCE THAT HER
COUNTRY WANTED TO SEEP NEPAL ACHEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
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SOCIAL PROGRESS, APPEARS PROMISING.

AS IT IS, THIS WOULD ONLY BE IN KEEPING WITH THE CLOSE AND
FRIENDLY TIES THAT HAVE BEEN AMINTAINED BETWEEN NEPAL AND
THE UNITED STATES FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTRY. IN THIS
RELEVANT PERIOD, THE UNITED STATES, AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HAS RIGHTLY NOTED, HAS PROVIDED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND

ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO NEPAL'S
DEVELOPMENT. WHILE THIS HAS DONE MUCH TO ENCHANCE THE FRIENDLY
RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE UNDER-
STANDING AND COPPERATION THAT ARE DERIVED THEREFROM HAVE ALSO
READILY CONTRIBUTED TO THE STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL TIES.
IT IS THUS THAT MR. ARYAL'S OBSERVATION THAT NEPAL ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HER FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN APPEARS APT AND IT IS ONLY REASONABLE TO
FEEL CONFIDENT OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING AND BETTERMENT
OF SUCH CORIDIAL RELATIONSHIP. END TEXT.
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